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SUBJ: SPURIOUS CHECKS AND U.S. CURRENCY, CALI

1. HUBERTO VERAGA SUAREZ, CARRERA 5 NORTE # 43-08, BARRIO POPULAR, CALI, VISITED CONSULATE TODAY EXHIBITING COUNTERFEIT U.S. CURRENCY BILLS IN THE AMOUNTS OF 5, 10, 20, 50, AND 100, AS WELL AS PERSONAL MONEY ORDER CHECKS MADE OUT TO THE SECURITY NATIONAL BANK, CHEMICAL BANK, HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK (AT TOP OF CHECK WAS THE INSCRIPTION, SECURITY NATIONAL BANK AND BELOW TO THE LEFT IN SMALLER LETTERS WAS, CHEMICAL BANK); SECURITY NATIONAL BANK, HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK; AND DRYDOCK SAVINGS BANK, NEW YORK, IN THE AMOUNTS OF 768 AND 500 DOLLARS.

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2. THE COUNTERFEIT U.S. CURRENCY WAS OF VERY POOR QUALITY AS WERE THE TWO SECURITY NATIONAL BANK MONEY ORDERS. THE DRYDOCK SAVINGS BANK MONEY ORDER, HOWEVER WAS CONSIDERABLY BETTER WORK.

3. VERGARA STATES THAT A CLOSE FRIEND, DR. ALFONSO AGUIRRE, CONTACTED HIM LAST NIGHT OFFERING THE COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY

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AT THE PRICE OF 12 PESOS PER DOLLAR. HE STATED THE THE CHECKS

HE EXHIBITED WERE ONLY EXAMPLES OF NUMEROUS OTHER CHECKS AVAILABLE. ACCORDING TO VERGARA, THE COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY AND CHECKS ARE BEING PRODUCED IN BOGOTA. VERGARA WAS TOLD THAT THE ORGANIZATION INTENDS TO FLOOD THE CALI AREA WITH THE BOGOUS CHECKS AND ONE MILLION IN COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY BEFORE MOVING ON TO ECUADOR. VERGARA ASYS THAT THERE ARE SIX REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION IN THE CALI AREA CONTACTING CLIENTS. HE ALSO SAYS THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS OUTLETS IN PANAMA AS WELL AS ITS HEADQUARTERS IN BOGOTA.

4. ACCORDING TO VERGARA, HE WAS TOLD THAT ONE POLO BERRA LOCATED AT BOGOTA IS ONE OF THE TOP LEADERS IN THE RING.

5. VERGARA, WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY, STATES HE IS WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH U.S. AUTHORITIES.

6. XEROX COPIES OF THE THREE CHECKS ARE BEING FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

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